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IRMA TIMES

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EDMONTON MAR 15 1945

COMING!
SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Beautifully colored Bible Pictures will be shown by Rev. Edward Gaetz, of Edmonton in Hedley's Hall, Irma, beginning Monday, March 12th, at 8 p.m.

Special union service with C. M. A. assembly Sunday 3.30 p.m.

Lively gospel singing.

Come and bring your friends.

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Wedding Bells

PETERSON—DRIVER

Friday, February 16th, in the forenoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Labbot, 170 Obed Avenue, Rev. William Allan officiated at a pretty wedding when Doris Winnifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Driver, Duncan, and LAC Charles Donald Peterson, RCAF, Patricia Bay, son of Vernon and the late Mrs. Peterson, Irma, Alberta, exchanged marriage vows.

The wedding was held quietly because of recent bereavement in the groom's family.

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The Irma Times will be published next week, dated Friday, 16th of March.

FLYING OFFICER WEBBER NOW PRESUMED DEAD

FRANCIS MAXWELL WEBBER

Flying Officer Francis Maxwell Webber was born at Castor on September 9th, 1923. He moved with his family to Irma in August 1933. He enlisted from Irma in October, 1941, and trained at Edmonton, Boundary B. C., and at MacLeod where he received his wings and his commission. He took advanced training at Summerside, P.E.I., and at Nassau, Bahama Islands. He was sent to England in July, 1943, and to Iceland in September. In October 1943 he was reported missing and as nothing has been heard of him or his crew, he is now presumed to be lost.

Irma folks generally, and particularly his classmates at the Irma public and high schools have very pleasant memories of him. They hoped to see him go on, exercising his undoubted talent in a brilliant and useful life. Instead they see illustrated in his passing the terrible cost of victory.

Yet for such as Max, "Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow," there can be no end."

"As the stars shall be bright when we are dust.
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plane,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain."

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MRS. WELLINGTON PROSSER PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Wellington Prosser passed away very suddenly at her home on Friday, March 2nd. The funeral was held in Irma on March 5. A complete account will be given in the next issue of The Times.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their kindness in helping us to move, it was greatly appreciated. —Dean and Mary Stinson.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PROGRAMME FOR 1945

The following is the Irma Institute programme for 1945. The first name indicates the place of meeting, the second name the person responsible for the month's programme, and the last two names the hostesses.

APRIL—Mrs. Hlynka; roll call "Garden Hints"; Mrs. McLean, Mrs. T. Sanders, Mrs. Arnold.

MAY—Mrs. Arnold: roll call. Tribute to Mothers: Mrs. McFarland; Mrs. Hager; Mrs. Fischer.

JUNE—Mrs. Rohrer; roll call: "Best Radio Entertainers"; Mrs. J. Rae; Mrs. W. Barber and Mrs. Hlynka.

JULY—Mrs. McLean: Grandmother's Day; programme to entertain the grandmothers: Mrs. E. Rae; Mrs. Enger, Mrs. R. Larson.

AUGUST—Mrs. Eaton; roll call "Canning Hints: Mrs. R. Larson; Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Eaton.

SEPTEMBER—Mrs. Milne; roll call, "Best Results in Gardening" paper, Mrs. Ott; Mrs. Milne and Mrs. Long.

OCTOBER—Mrs. Enger: roll call, "Suggestions for Bazaar"; Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Fletcher.

NOVEMBER— Mrs. Fletcher: Donations for Novelty Table: hostesses Mrs. McLean and Mrs. McMillan.

DECEMBER—Open: roll call; donations to Christmas Cheer Fund: Annual meeting: hostesses Mrs. W. Sanders, Mrs. Enger.

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One out of ever six persons in the Dominion of Canada is a member of the Canadian Red Cross. There are more than 30,000 junior and senior branches and divisions of the Society scattered from coast to coast in practically every urban and rural community.

BONSPIEL RESULTS

The Irma mixed bonspiel went on without a hitch until Friday, when the weather turned so mild playing had to be suspended until the following Monday when the ice was again in shape. Games were run off continuously from 9.30 A.M. until 11 P.M. each day until the last two games which were played off on Thursday evening March 1st.

The Longmire and Klienmeyer rinks played on through to the finals in the Grand Challenge event, the latter winning in the final game. After many hard battles Cooks rink skipped by S. Fenton defeated the Reynolds rink for the first prize in the Merchants event and Brown won the consolation prize from Currie. Except in a few odd cases the competition was keen, several games going into the 11th end. Prizes were distributed immediately the games were finished.

The lady members sold hot lunches each day and evening of the spiel in the waiting room of the rink.

Since the bonspiel both the men's and ladies' rinks have resumed their regular schedule games. These will continue as long as there is ice.

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IRMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HOLD 'SPIEL

Last Saturday, March 3rd, was bonspiel day for the Irma High school students. Seven rinks were made up consisting of 26 boys and girls and the two teachers, Mr. Reeds and Mr. Gunn. This proved to be a strenuous day for the students, some of the rinks playing three games in the one day which was hard work since none of them had done any curling this winter.

In the Grand Challenge Event David Barss with Phil Holt, Joyce Dawson and Shirley Thompson won from Jack Fletcher, Murray Dawson, Jean Elford and Muriel Hill.

Lloyd Johnston, Sheila Bishop, Olive Jack, N. Arlesky and Carl Soneff, Mr. Gunn, Olive Thurston and Jo Ambler, worked their way into the Consolation Finals and engaged in battle before the day ended with the result that Lloyd won.

Other rinks competing were made up as follows, the skips names appearing first:

Vera Blakley, Mr. Reeds, Martha Goodwin, and Illas Dubasz; Ernest Carter, Mae Guiltner, Clarence Glover and Irene Lambert; Kate Younker, Annie Milton, Emma Oracheski and Elfreida Fenton.

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CONTRIBUTORS

Further contributors to various funds in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones are:

To the Protestant Home For Children:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holt and C. L. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher.

The United Church Building Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Craig. This contribution was wrongly reported in the last issue.

The Anglican Memorial Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Wyand and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. Darling.

Other contributors in memory of Mrs. Arlene Peterson are:

To the Alberta Protestant Home For Children:

Mrs. H. McKay and family; Mrs. G. Watkinson; Mr. and Mrs. F. Withall; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fuder; Mr. J. A. Hedley; Mrs. T. C. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smallwood and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Knudson and family contributed to the United Church Building Fund in memory of Mrs. Peterson and not as reported in the last issue.

CJCA
It's Jo-Jo's Birthday
The Kiddies' Program
5.15 P. M.
Mon. Through Sat.
930 KC
Voice of the Great North West

Wainwright S.D. Board Meeting

All Members present:

Moved by Mr. Dixon that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read. Carried

Meeting was opened for the election of officers for the last year 1945:

Mr. Coutts acted as chairman and called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. H.E. Spencer received the only nomination for this office and was declared elected. Two nominations were received for the office of Vice-Chairman and Mr. Sanders was the successful nominee.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that a meeting be called on Friday Mar. 16th. at the Irma High School, 8.00 P.M. to receive nominations for Trustee in Sub-Division (1) since the term of Office for the trustee representing this sub-division has now only expired. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Spencer that we approve the action of the office in hiring Public Health Nurse, Miss V. Rowe, and further that we requisition the Department of Health for operation grant covering Health Services. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that we notify the towns and villages in the Division by letter that a Public Health Nurse has now been secured and that her duties will begin on March 1st. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Spencer that we adopt recommendations as outlined in the Short Course for School Secretaries to be held at the University of Alberta on June,18, 19 and 20. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dallyn that we endorse the Secretary's action regarding letter received from Mr. J. Djuff for conveyance. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that we adjourn until 1:15 P.M. Cd.

Negotiating committee reprenting the teachers met with the Board to discuss changes in the present Salary Schedule.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that accounts be paid in the amount of $9,631.66 and that same be incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the Budget for the year 1945 as drawn up by the budget committee be adopted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dixo that we requisition the Municipalities conerned at the rate of 16 mills. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Spencer that Mrs. Mark's resignation as teacher of the Batts School District be accepted with regret. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that Mr. Bowlby's application for the position as janitor of the Edgerton School be accepted at a salary of $75.00 per month, the school year to be considered as ten months and salary paid accordingly. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Spencer that Mr. R.G. Nicholls salary as janitor for the McCafferty School be $25.00 a month for the winter months. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that Superintendant's report be adopted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that we accept Mr. J.W. Reid's application for the position as General Repair man and that his duties commence on May, 1 1945. Mr. Reid to be advised by letter and agreement drawn up before next meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that we adjourn and that the next meeting be held on March 22nd, 10.00 A.M. Cd.

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Radiograms

Jo-Jo... CJCA's mythical bird and Uncle Hal, its creator, are celabrating Jo-Jo's first birthday this month. Both are very proud of their contribution and have a good reason to be.

Working in co-operation with the Byers Flour Mills of Camrose, and the Northern Alberta Branch of the Red Cross, Jo-Jo and Uncle Hal have been directly responsible for raising $6,302.11 for the Red Cross during the past eleven months. The funds have been earmarkand for blood plazma distribution.

The funds came from three major sources—week-end broadcast visits to towns; sale of pictures of Jo-Jo and Uncle Hal; and from funds from social functions by schools, societies, etc.

Donations received by mail amounted to $4,637.91. Total received at the sixteen Northern Alberta towns visited on successive Saturdays between November 3rd 1944 and February 17, 1945, amounted to $1,664.20. Highest contribution was made at Lamont January 6th, when the audience donated $190.29. Waskatenau was second with $166.26.

Each Saturday the Byers Flour Mills program 5:15 to 5:45 P.M., was broadcast from the stage of a community hall or theatre. The Broadcast took the form of a talent show, with local boys and girls participating.

At the Churches

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES
Irma Sunday school 11 A. M.
Public Worship 7.30 P. M.
A hearty invitation to all.

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CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
Irma Tabernacle—
Sunday school 2.15 p.m.
Gospel service 3.30 p.m.
Hardisty Oddfellow's Hall—
Gospel service 8 p.m.
A hearty invitation to all.
"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Heb. 13:8.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Church Service will be held on Sunday, March 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 18th
Sharon:
Divine service 2:30 p.m.

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Urgent Need For Red Cross Funds

Although the war in Europe is drawing to a successful conclusion, the work of the Canadian Red Cross will not decrease with the surrender. Rather the responsibilities of the Society will become heavier because considerable help must be given to the peoples of the liberated countries who have suffered so much during the period of occupation.

Relief authorities estimate that there are over 17,000,000 persons destitute and homeless in the freed areas. Many of them are suffering from disease and their children are victims of malnutrition. The Canadian Red Cross, along with other relief agencies, have shipped clothing and food to these people, but more and more must be sent if the real victims of war, the civilians, are to be saved to help build a better world.

In raising the money for the relief in the liberated countries, the Canadian United Allied Relief Fund is collaborating with the Red Cross so that the maximum amount for this work can be obtained as quickly as possible. And by adopting this system, one less national appeal will be made to the Canadian people this year.

In addition to helping the liberated nations, the Red Cross must continue to provide comforts for our forces, both in the field and in hospitals. It will be some time after the surrender that our prisoners of war can be repatriated, so the flow of food parcels must go on. And it will be some time before our prisoners in the Far East will be free.

The Red Cross Blood Donor Service must be continued, for as long as there are Canadian troops in action there will be a need for life-saving blood serum. Here again, the Pacific theatre of war cannot be overlooked.

All in all, there is no situation that can arise this year that will lessen the responsibilities of the Canadian Red Cross. Rather the responsibilities are more likely to be greater than ever.

Again THE RED CROSS ASKS YOUR HELP TO HEAL A WAR-TORN WORLD GIVE!

• Wherever the great destroyer, War, has passed, pain, suffering and sorrow follow in its wake. Young men on the battlefield or in hospitals are tormented by sickness or wounds. Little children, mothers, aged people are homeless, hungry, cold. In every theatre of war, whole cities lie in ruins. Millions are suffering the pangs of disease, starvation and dire want.

So the Red Cross will continue to reach out a helping hand. It must heal and comfort our own sick and wounded. It must send food, clothing, medical supplies to war-torn lands.

And the Canadian Red Cross will answer this urgent call. For the Canadian Red Cross is you and your friends and your neighbors, and all the good folks up and down this fair Dominion of ours. You will send help—yes, life itself—to the stricken people of other lands. You will stand staunchly behind *your* Red Cross, and—GIVE!

IRMA RED CROSS — IRMA, ALTA.

CANADIAN RED CROSS

Your Money is Needed as Never Before

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ROYAL NAVY

Proudest Of Them Was The Defeat Of The German Naval Power

The Royal Navy, in a year-end review, hailed as the proudest achievements in 1944 the virtual defeat of Germany as a naval power and the shepherding of the western front invasion force.

Now, it was disclosed, Britain is assembling two mighty fleets with greatly reinforced carrier strength to fight alongside the Americans in dealing knockout blows to the Japanese in the Pacific in 1945.

The officially approved year-end review of the Navy's activities said: "As the year 1944 ends, interest in the war at sea moves from the west to the vast areas of the Pacific and Indian Oceans where Britain is assembling two mighty fleets to fight beside our American Allies against Japan."

These two naval forces are the fleet under Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser and the fleet of the East Indies station under Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Powers. The latter's job will be to push the Japanese all the way out of the Indian Ocean and get back its old base—Singapore.

Admiral Fraser's fleet — packed with carriers — will operate under American over-all command.

The review said Admiral Fraser, commander-in-chief of British Naval Forces in the Pacific, "is in full accord with the American strategy of using a large number of aircraft carriers, so it can be assumed that the British carrier fleet will be the strongest that can be assembled there."

In addition to defeat of Germany as a naval power, the Royal Navy's achievements in 1944, which made possible turning attention to the Pacific in 1945, were listed as:

A series of successful operations in which fewer British warships were sunk by enemy action than in any previous year of the war; not a single battleship or aircraft carrier was lost.

Acknowledgment by Germany at the end of March, 1944, that the Atlantic U-boat warfare was a failure and withdrawal of all but a few U-boats from the North Atlantic.

British submarines during the year sank at least 400 enemy ships in addition to 23 warships.

Light coastal forces won a complete victory in the battle of the English Channel which lasted nearly 90 days — a victory as important to success of the invasion as the winning of the Battle of the Atlantic was to the war as a whole."

Up to the end of September, 1944, the Navy had moved 10,600,000 British Army personnel by sea with a loss of 2,978 lives, representing .0028 per cent. of the total.

Sun Is Helping

No Longer A Hazard To Airmen Downed At Sea

Allied "Know-How" has harnessed the sun to help fight the Axis.

Airmen downed at sea now can turn sea water into drinking water with "Solar Stills". The still is a flat, 30-inch envelope packed into life rafts Inside the envelope is a plastic screen, covered by a black cellulose sponge.

The downed airman inflates the envelope until it forms a tube 12 inches in diameter, puts two quarts of sea-water in it and ties it to the side of the raft. Sun rays evaporate the sea water, the salt remains in the sponge and the vapor condenses as drinking water into a small reservoir.

That's how the sun, long considered one of the greatest hazards to downed airmen, has been converted into one of their most important means of survival.

War's Effect

How The People Of Britain Have Met The Conditions

The people of Great Britain have reduced their over-all consumption by 21 per cent. They now spend only 54 per cent. of their incomes; taxes and savings take the rest.

Civilian consumption of butter, margarine and cheese is down by 14 per cent., of fresh meat, bacon and ham by 24 per cent., of fruit and fruit juices by 51 per cent. Civilian consumption of clothes is down by 45 per cent., of boots and shoes by 27 per cent., of furniture by 77 per cent.

The average passenger train carries nine passengers for four before the war. One house in three in the whole country has been damaged, one in 30 destroyed or made uninhabitable.

There is no practical difference in the warmth of cotton or silk hosiery when they are the same knit and thickness.

London zoo uses 6½ tons of nuts, 184,000 bananas, and 19,800 eggs annually in normal times. 2602

Shan Girls Welcome Allied Troops In Burma

Shan girls stop work long enough to smile happily at the coming of Allied troops at a point deep in Burma. It is in this sector that the Tenth Air Force of the eastern air command is operating.

Ancient Footprints

Prehistoric Animals Leave Records Made Millions Of Years Ago

Footprints spur the imagination. Do you remember reading with excitement about that footprint in the sand found by Robinson Crusoe? A footprint is a clue. It may help the detective to solve a murder mystery. To the student of fossils it has different significance.

In the Royal Ontario Museum there are tracks and trails preserved in rock, of animals that lived millions of years ago. On exhibit at present are footprints made by two animals, thought to be amphibians, that eked out an existence in a coal swamp near Parrsboro', Nova Scotia, 200,000,000 years ago. At that remote time in history the amphibians (represented now by frogs, toads and salamanders) were among the highest known types of animal life. These creatures lived near the swampy border of a shallow sea. Their footprints were left in ripple-marked sand exposed by the ebbing tide. The sun beat down upon the beach and baked the imprints, thus fixing them. Again and again the returning tides spread layers of sand over the imprints preserving them for posterity.

FINLAND'S INDEMNITY

A detailed armistice agreement by which Finland will pay to Russia $300,000,000 in goods as indemnity for war damages was signed in Helsinki on Dec. 17, the Moscow radio said. The deliveries are to be carried out within six years in install ment of $50,000,000, said the broadcast.

China, Japan and Germany are all claimants to the honor of introducing macaroni to the world.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly

Carbon Monoxide

Warning To Motorists Of The Danger From Poisonous Gas

In their current memorandum to industrialists, the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations have a timely article containing valuable information on the hazard of carbon monoxide. Desiring to bring to the attention of drivers of motor vehicles that carbon monoxide is responsible for many highway tragedies, the associations recommend the following preventative measures:

1. See that there is reasonable ventilation in the garage.

2. Do not permit the engine to be run in a closed garage. If it is necessary to run the engine in a garage, see that doors and windows are open.

3. Have the carburetor and motor checked to ensure a fairly complete combustion of your fuel.

4. Inspect all cars and trucks regularly for leaky exhaust connections, loose or broken floor boards and defective floor coverings, exhaust pipes and mufflers.

5. Instruct drivers to get out of their vehicles and into fresh air at the first sign of headache, smarting eyes, dizziness, sickness or drowsiness.

6. See that the exhaust pipe discharges beyond the rear end.

7. See that there is reasonable ventilation in your own car, and do not seal the car by closing all windows and vents. Instruct your drivers to take the same precautions.

HAS MANY USES

In many countries, the dried roots of dandelions are used as a substitute for coffee. The leaves of this plant make a fine salad, and its young sprouts are valuable in soups.

The crocodile is distinguished from the alligator by two teeth protruding when the jaws are closed.

Life Gratuity

For Private Ernest Smith Of New Westminster, V.C. Winner

Canada's most recent Victoria Cross winner, Pte. Ernest (Smokey) Smith of New Westminster, B.C., has become the first Canadian to have the 10 pound life gratuity that goes with the award paid by the Canadian government.

Previously Canadian V.C.'s were paid by the British government but Canada undertook the payment through an agreement signed in June, 1943.

Brig. James Melville, chairman of the Canadian pensions commission, wrote Smith advising him that for the rest of his life, on March 31 and Sept. 30 of each year, he would receive a government cheque for $25.

While the British pound is quoted at $4.43, for the purpose of the Victoria Cross gratuity it will be worth an even $5. Officers who win the V.C. receive no gratuity unless they are "in necessitous circumstances" and then an award of 75 pounds is paid. Canada's other seven V.C.'s of this war were officers.

INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

A British Columbia resident institution for the blind will be built in Vancouver at the cost of $100,000, it was announced by Capt. M. C. Robinson, national director for Western Canada of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

AN OLD SYYMBOL

The cross was used as a religious symbol long before the Christian era. The Indians regarded it as a mystic emblem of the four points of the compass.

The custom of English parents selling their children to the Irish for slaves was prohibited by King Canute about 1017.

Does Heroic Work

Canadian Frigate Rescued Men From Sinking Caisson Off France

The story of the rescue of eight British navy and army men by the crew of the Canadian frigate Swansea from a sinking Caisson of one of the pre-fabricated ports erected on the French coast after D-Day has been revealed.

The great concrete Caisson was one of many being towed to Normandy to form part of a harbor, the navy said in a press release.

Swansea, in command of Cmdr. A. L. Layard, began rescue operations in mid-afternoon. Run after run was made past the listing Caisson, but lines shot by coston guns each time were caught by the wind and dropped into the sea.

With the eight men huddled on a ledge and the Caisson wallowing deeper in the water, Swansea decided to make a try with her sea boat. The whaler was lowered under command of Swansea's executive officer, Lieut. John T. Band of Toronto, now acting captain of the ship, with a six-man boat's crew, but his attempt was unsuccessful.

With darkness approaching, Swansea had to get the men off the Caisson before she could pick up the boat. It took another hour of cautious edging through the seas before, going slow astern, the frigate backed alongside the towering concrete shell. The boat had been out nearly two hours before Swansea came alongside and picked it up.

Other members of the boat's crew were Petty Officer George Ardy, London, Ont.; Leading Seaman John Berryman, London, Ont.; LS. Stanley Millions, South Porcupine, Ont. and Able Seaman Arthur Coveart, London, Ont.

Wonder Drug

Britain's Supremacy In The Use Of Penicillin Saves Many Lives

Britain's supremacy over Germany in surgical skill, particularly in the use of penicillin, the "wonder drug" which was discovered by the British scientists Florey and Fleming, and has since been developed by British medical research to such a high degree that between D-Day and October 31st, it saved the lives of three out of every four British and Canadian soldiers who received abdominal wounds.

Two thousand, seven hundred and twelve genuine abdominal wound cases were treated during that period by British and Canadian forward surgeons. Only 759 patients died, giving the recovery rate as 72 per cent., or three out of every four soldiers. Such figures have never before been produced.

One case quoted was that of a soldier wounded in the abdomen by two machine-gun bullets at 100-yards range. The English doctors did not operate on him, but gave him penicillin, bully beef and biscuits. He was back on duty within six weeks.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS

For 50 years Billesdon district council in Leicestershire, England, used a crown on its seal. Now someone has discovered this is illegal because Billesdon did not get special permission.

CANADIAN BUSINESS INCREASED IN 1944

Spending Power And Bank Deposits Continued To Grow

Although production for war purposes showed a small decline in 1944 compared with the 1943 volume, business as a whole in Canada experienced further expansion, suggesting a little more attention was being given to the needs of the civilian population.

National income continued to rise, according to figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, a gain of 6.7 per cent. being recorded. The growth of spending power was reflected in the volume of merchandising which registered an eight per cent. gain in retail sales, an 11 per cent. increase in sales by wholesale concerns and a 10 per cent. increase in the dollar value of sales by department stores.

Absorption of Victory Loans put no appreciable restraint on the rising tide of bank deposits which stand at the year end at an all-time peak. The average total for 1944 was around $4,573,000,000 compared with an average of $3,900,000,000 for 1943, a gain of 17.3 per cent.

While some branches of industry did no better than hold their ground in 1944 and some, notably gold mining suffered a further set-back due chiefly to the acute labor shortage, the general trend continued on a rising tempo. Farm prices continued strong on the whole though cattle prices weakened a little in the Fall months, due to pressure of supplies at marketing centres and the larger crop of potatoes cut prices moderately. These recessions were off-set by the stronger quotations for hogs, despite a record volume of sales. In 50 weeks of 1944, gradings of hog carcasses in Canada totalled 8,333,728 against 6,545,316 in the corresponding period of 1943. In the same 50 weeks cattle marketings at stockyards and packing plants totalled 1,426,374 compared with 1 152,145.

Discover Wealth

When Elderly Woman Living In Poverty Was Removed to Hospital

About $35,000 in bonds and cash was accidentally discovered by police when they visited a home in Hamilton to remove an elderly woman to hospital whose husband has been living on a pension.

The police reported the house was cold and cheerless, empty of food. Police said the husband was just as astounded as police to discover in one room bonds hidden under a mattress, a considerable amount of cash in an old box under the flooring, and eight bank books with balance of more than $2,000 in each. Trunks forced open produced further cash and bonds. Money was found hidden in almost every room.

Chief Constable Joseph R. Croker, refusing to divulge the couple's name, said: "The husband knew absolutely nothing about the wealth possessed by his wife as she had kept her business affairs strictly private at all times." He added the bonds were all gilt-edged security, properly registered in her name.

The husband later told police he recalled his wife many years ago had fallen heir to certain legacies but had not disclosed particulars to him.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

EXPERIENCE

However learned or eloquent, man knows nothing truly that he has not learned from experience.—Wieland.

In all instances where our experience of the past has been extensive and uniform, our judgment as to the future amounts to moral certainty.—James Beattie.

Experience is victor, never the vanquished; and out of defeat comes the secret of victory. That tomorrow starts from today and is one day beyond it, robes the future with hope's rainbow hues.—Mary Baker Eddy.

To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.—Coleridge.

No man was ever so completely skilled in the conduct of life, as not to receive new information from age and experience.—Terence.

Nor deem the irrevocable Past,
As wholly wasted, wholly vain,
If, rising on its wrecks, at last
To something nobler we attain.
—Longfellow.

SAFE FROM ATTACK

More than 1,000 V-2s have been launched against the Allies since the beginning of the rocket attacks, the Berlin radio said. The broadcast said that for some time the Germans have been producing "a considerable quantity of the weapons in factories which are secure from enemy attack."

R.C.A.F. Anti-Blackout Suit And Its Inventor

—R.C.A.F. Photos.

Wing Commander W. R. Franks, O.B.E., of Toronto and Regina, inventor of the Franks flying suit which eliminates "blackout" in high speed flying, is shown here climbing into an R.C.A.F. aircraft at Rockcliffe air station, near Ottawa, where he did many of the early flying tests which resulted in the suit's development. In the experimental stages, Wing Commander Franks tried each modification on himself before risking it on a pilot. At the right, J. A. Carr, engineer at Clinical Investigation Unit shows a cut-away view of the way in which the Franks anti-blackout suit is worn by fighter pilots. Notice how accurately it conforms to body contours in sitting position. In use, columns of gas or liquid contained in the rubber lining exert compensating pressure which permits normal blood circulation to the pilot's brain.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

Someone Else

— By —

MARY C. MACKAY

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Freddy had always thought he had this love business figured out. It just meant having a girl like Kay, with whom you always felt comfortable, who understood talk about engines or new suits, who would help fix the windshield wiper when it stuck.

Now he wasn't so sure. If that was love, what was this he had? He wiped his forehead. Whew, one sure thing—it wasn't the measles.

Jeannie didn't know a nut from a bolt, but when he was with her he could hardly differentiate between them himself. All he could see was a pair of sea-green eyes and a freckled nose.

That was another funny thing. He remembered when, during his last leave, he had said to Kay: "You know, Kay, I wouldn't mind you going out with fellows now and again while I'm away. But Jimmy Randolph—why, he's so far beneath you! Besides, he's a funny looking guy, and you're—you're beautiful," he had stammered, looking at Kay's lovely complexion, her soft golden curls. It was the first time he had ever told her she was beautiful.

She had looked at him queerly with her dark eyes. "Freddy, dear, I think you're making a mistake. You don't love people for what they are or what they look like. I love you because you're you." Then with a twinkle in her eyes she added, "I don't even love you any better now since you've grown so handsome, than I did when you were nine years old and hadn't any front teeth."

"Aw, quit kidding, Kay," Freddie had said, red in the face. "You know what I mean. Let's forget Jimmy Randolph anyway, and talk about us." He reached in his pocket and drew out a small square box.

Opening it slowly, he whispered, "Kay, I'd like to think of your wearing this while I'm — — away. It'll be sort of an understanding. Will you wear it, Kay?"

Kay's eyes had misted. "Freddie, are you sure? Perhaps you'll meet someone else."

"No, there will be no one else." How sure he had been!

Kay had kissed him. "Promise me one thing, Freddie. Remember you asked me last leave for a picture of myself to put in your folder? Well, I'll put one in for you. But I want you to promise me faithfully, Freddie, that you won't take it out, until —— you've met someone else. And when you do, just take out the picture and put hers in. You can send mine back to me and I'll know I'm to send the ring back."

He had smiled, "I promise."

It had seemed ridiculous then that he should ever want to take the picture out. He picked up the little case now and looked into Kay's dark eyes. She smiled out at him. He set the folder up against his lamp, and ran his fingers through his hair. Kay belonged right there—and yet he had promised——What was he to do?

He had met someone else—someone he wanted so badly he couldn't sleep or eat. Someone with a small freckled nose and a little twisted smile. He groaned as he glanced at Kay's face again. If she were only here and he could talk it over with her, she'd understand and help him. She had always helped him out of difficulties. To take her picture out and send it back seemed so cruel. No, he couldn't do that, but Kay's honest eyes seemed to say, "Remember the promise."

Jeannie's pert little face wouldn't look right in the folder anyway. It belonged right where it was, in the beautiful little frame on his table.

He couldn't understand it. He knew he loved Kay the same as he had always loved her, because, well—just because she was Kay. It was a warm, comfortable love. This was so different. This was a burning ache for someone, and when he saw that someone the world became a place of magic. The merest phrase was as beautiful as that of a poet. The world was full of love and laughter, with only two inhabitants, his Jeannie and him.

He picked up the folder and the frame. Jeannie's picture could be fitted in easily enough, but it wouldn't look right. He knew it wouldn't—but just to prove it to Kay he'd try it. Grimly he loosened the back part and lifting Kay's picture he found a small folded piece of paper.

Opening it, he read in Kay's dainty writing: "Dear Freddie—I knew you were making a mistake, because I love you exactly the way you love me. And that isn't the way I love Jimmy Randolph. I wanted to tell you this when you gave me the ring, but I couldn't—because I knew I'd hurt you so. Besides, you were going away. I always want to be free to love you as a pal, but I know now that Jimmy is the one I want to marry. I'll be true to you until you read this—because then you will have found someone else. So—now that you've found her, I hope she is worthy of the best pal a girl ever had.

"Lots of love, and luck—
"KAY"

A great peace stole over Freddy and the world slowly settled down around him again. He replaced Kay's picture in the little folder slowly. Then he picked up Jeannie's. He kissed it reverently—and said with his heart almost choking him: "I knew Kay would fix it up for us."

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IN OTHER WORDS

Leonard Lyons, in the New York Post, says Kenneth Galbraith, the former deputy O.P.A. Administrator, and now an editor of Fortune, is one of the tallest men who ever held a government post. He's 6 feet 8. To the frequent inquiry, "Just how tall are you?" Galbraith replies: "I'm not as tall as you think. I'm only 5 feet 20."

INCREASES RICE ACREAGE

As a result of the "Grow More Food" campaign in India, the acreage under rice has increased by nearly 6¼ million durin gthe war — from 73.8 million acres in 1939, to 80 million acres now.

Cost Will Be Heavy

But Allies Firm In Their Demand For Unconditional Surrender

The majority of people will, we believe, endorse Prime Minister Churchill's reiteration in Parliament that "the war will be prolonged until uncondition surrender has been obtained." The phrase, "unconditional surrender," has been criticized in the past on the ground that it only acted as a spur to the Germans to resist to the bitter end. Perhaps so, but the Nazis have proven themselves the kind of ferocious, unrelenting people who would fight to the end any way, and we do not believe that they would agree to any terms of peace that did not let them get away with some of their ill-gotten gains, and leave them in a position to prepare for World War No. 3. So it simply must be unconditional surrender in order that terms can be imposed upon them which will thwart either of these two hopes.

Everybody admits today that the Allies made a tragic mistake when they refrained from going on to Berlin in 1918 and occupying Germany and supervising her heavy industries instead of stopping at the Saar for a limited time. The cost of going on will be heavy in lives, suffering and money, but it must be done if the next and succeeding generations are not to suffer worse then the present one.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Camera Identification

North Battleford Constable Makes An Important Discovery

Constable R. Anthony of the North Battleford police force has the approval of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation for his method of identifying a camera through the marks it leaves on a negative.

He was investigating the theft of a camera two years ago and located a camera answering the description—but found scores of others also in the city were exactly the same in appearance. He asked the owner to bring negatives made with the stolen camera and he found that variations in the negatives from the camera he had located were identical.

Constable Anthony then built up an improvised laboratory at home and filed scores of negatives used in other cameras loaned him by friends. From these negatives he complied a brief on his method of camera identification.

Goes Long Distance

Arctic Tern Probably Travels Farther Than Any Other Bird

The champion traveler of the bird world is probably the Arctic tern, a small, white, gull-like bird. Metal bands have been attached to the legs of nestlings in Labrador and the grown birds recaptured a few months later at the mouth of the Niger River in West Africa and in Natal on the Indian Ocean coast of South Africa—nearly 9,000 miles from Labrador. And the Arctic tern is found in the Antarctic during our winter. It is well known as a seasonal migrant up and down the western seaboard of both Europe and Africa. From this it has been inferred that this species migrates from Arctic America across the North Atlantic to Europe, thence down the coast past Africa to the Antarctic Ocean, and back up the same route the following spring—a distance, in all, of about 24,000 miles, or almost equivalent to the total circumference of the earth.

A LOT OF MONEY

Britain's war savings campaign, launched five years ago, has raised just under £8,500,000,000 (about $38,250,000,000).

Deserves Better Name

Lancaster Bomber "M2" Has Had Most Remarkable Career

Sailors have a habit of speaking of some veteran liner as "The Grand Old Lady of the Atlantic," as in the case of the first Mauretania. Railroaders speak affectionately of some old locomotive which has had decades of service, calling it by some such name as "Old Granny". The Royal Air Force has a Lancaster known as "M2" that surely deserves a more picturesque name.

"M2" has made 97 bombing trips to Germany, five to Italy and 37 to other targets on the continent, a total of 139 bombing trips. During that time she consumed 193,800 gallons of gasoline, and flew 969 operational hours.

This veteran of aerial operations must have been shot at and hit many times. She must have been in many hot spots, but she laid her "eggs" and brought her crews back safely every time. It is extraordinary to think that if the same crew had been in every one of her 139 trips they would still all be alive.

She is what seamen would call "a happy ship."—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Should Be Careful

Very Few Adults Are Physically Able To Shovel Snow

The question of who should shovel snow from the sidewalk is not one of sex or chivalry, but of heart and muscles, Dr. Francis E, Fronczak, Buffalo City Health Commissioner, said.

"Actually few adults are physically fit for the arduous task of removing snow," he asserted. Emphasizing the number of persons overcome while shoveling snow during the recent blizzard, Dr. Fronczak said:

"If the wife puts in a goodly share of her time scrubbing floors, washing walls and wrestling the wash, she may be in better condition to move snowbanks than her husband who sits in an office all day."

Elderly persons and those physically soft should shun snow shovels because "snow shoveling can cause death by acute dilation of the heart."

This Week's Pattern

By ANNE ADAMS

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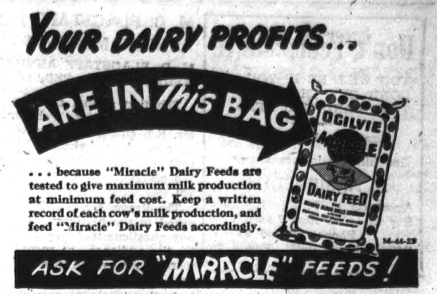
Made Good Stove

One W.A.A.F. Cook Built Stoves Around A Blow Torch

W.A.A.F. cooks at forward fighter stations overseas, which were so heavily attacked were bombed time and again out of their cook-houses. One girl who was attached to a motor transport section of the R.A.F., cooked for the unit on a blow-lamp, having ingeniously contrived a stove of bricks built around the flame. Every now and then within minutes, she had to cease stirring her buckets and dive for her life into th nearest dugout when "Jerry" swooped overhead, machine-gunning and bombing the site, pieces of shrapnel raining into the food she was preparing.

John Ruskin went to the British Museum and looked at the penguin exhibit whenever he felt downhearted; this exhibit always made him laugh. 2606



TRANSFER—

Pte. Gertrude Irene Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Collins, Marchwell, Sask., has been transferred from No. 3 C.W.A.C. (B) T.C., Kitchener, Ont., where she recently completed her basic training to Edmonton, Alta., where she will take a special course at the army's No. 13 Vocational Training School. Pte. Collins was born at Russel, Man., and joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Winnipeg, last November.

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ENGLAND (DELAYED—

Two French-speaking CWACs and Section Officer D. M. Hollings, W.D., R.C.A.F., of Maple Creek, Sask., had the privilege of chatting for a few minutes with the American diplomat, John G. Winant, United States Ambassador. They were Sgt. Charlotte LaRue, Quebec City, and Pte. Yvette Chevalier, Verdun, both of whom have been overseas for two years.

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PROMOTIONS—

Pte. Barbara C. MacKenzie, Yorkton, has recently been promoted to the rank of corporal in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Military District No. 12, Saskatchewan. Cpl. MacKenzie who was born at Wroxton, Sask., joined the C.W.A.C. in May, 1944.

L-Cpl. Helen Thom, Kenville, Man., has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the Canadian Women's Army Corps. Cpl. Thom is employed at clerical work in the Directorate of Ordnance Services General Stores, Ottawa.

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ENLISTMENTS—

A large number of girls mainly from rural Saskatchewan enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Regina recently. Included among them were: Lorna J. Irvine, MacDowall; Anne M. Sielsky, Smuts; Helen Houbrick, Hodgeville; Doreen Cairns, Admiral; Gladys Payne, Glentworth; Joyce James, La Fleche; Edna Thurston, Vonda; Minnie Porter, Feudal; Evelyn Poole, Cheviot; Josephine Hart, Landis.

SELECTED

RECIPES

POTATO CREAM SOUP

1 qt. peeled sliced white potatoes
½ cup minced celery tops
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 unpeeled onion, sliced
2 cups boiling water
1 qt. hot milk
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon flour
1 tablespoon butter

Combine the potatoes, celery, parsley and onion in a medium-sized kettle and add the boiling water. Cook covered until the potatoes are tender (about 15 minutes), then rub through a sieve, saving the potato water. Add the milk; bring to scalding point and add the salt and pepper. Blend the flour and butter. When creamy, add a little of the hot soup to mix it well; then stir this into the scalding soup and cook and stir until boiling point is reached. Garnish with fried onions, and serve with crisp crackers.

RUSSIAN CABBAGE SOUP

2 tablespoons butter, margarine or suet
2 large onions, peeled and chopped
1 pint chopped cabbage
3 tablespoons flour
½ tablespoon minced parsley
3 pints vegetable or meat stock
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup tarragon or weak cider vinegar

Heat the butter or suet; add onions and cabbage. Fry gently until light brown; stir in the flour and parsley. Add stock and simmer one hour. Season with salt and pepper. Small sausage balls may then be added; combine ¼ pound sausage meat, 1 egg yolk, ½ cup cracker crumbs, 1 teaspoon scraped onion juice. Form into balls, roll in flour and cook fifteen minutes in boiling soup. Serve with crisp crackers.

Grasshoppers are ground and used for flour by the Arabs.

Navy League

Six Scholarships To Be Available To Successful Cadets

The Dominion headquarters of the Navy League of Canada announced six scholarships to the Royal Naval college at Royal Roads, B.C., covering tuition, board, uniform and recreational fees for a complete two-year course, will be awarded again this year to Navy League Sea-Cadets who pass the required examinations.

The courses are valued at $890 each.

Scholarships will be allotted on the following basis: One for British Columbia, one for the three prairie provinces, two for Ontario, one for Quebec and one for the combined maritime provinces.

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Situation Changed

British Columbia Now Importing Instead Of Exporting Coal

British Columbia is importing more than one-third of the coal it consumes whereas 35 or 40 years ago it was exporting coal, it was revealed by Hon. E. C. Carson, provincial minister of mines.

B.C. mines produced 1,843,326 tons of coal in 1944 compared with 1943 output of 1,821,654 tons.

James Dickenson, chief inspector of mines, estimated imports from Alberta in 1944 totalled more than 1,000,000 tons, compared with 1943 imports totalling 960,000 tons.

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THE FARMER'S BEST IMPLEMENT — THE FANNING MILL

Weed plants, it is estimated steal from farmers on the average 20 percent of the grain they have so laboriously produced. Weed plants grow from weed seeds, and most of the weed seeds on our prairies have been, at some time or another, sown in the ground with grain.

Weeds can be eliminated by keeping in mind two principles. one is not to sow any seeds with the grain seed, and the other is not to permit any weed plants that grow to set to seed, and so to scatter any additional seeds on the field.

The fanning mill will separate weed seeds from wheat, oats, barley and rye, if care is used. During the winter months the fanning mill should be overhauled, repaired and fitted with proper screens. Different screens are needed for the different grains to be cleaned, and for the different kinds of weed seeds to be separated.

This all may seem like a lot of trouble to take, but it has often been said that there is nothing that will return the farmer such good dividends as time spent in putting the fan mill in shape, in using the right screens and particularly in passing the grain slowly and carefully through the mill so that all weed seeds are eliminated. Flax is difficult to clean, special screens are needed. Universities and Provincial Departments of Agriculture can give good advice on the screens required.

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FLOOR PRICES

The Government has passed an Act to support the prices of agricultural products during the transition period from war to peace. The sum of 200 million dollars has been appropiated by parliament to cover the expenditures for the period. The object of the Act is to endeavour to secure a fair relationship between the returns to agricultural producers and those of other occupations.

According to the Searle Index, the present price of wheat gives a bushel of wheat a purchasing power over the things farmers have to buy of 1.6 percent greater than a bushel had in 1913—14; 100 pounds of hogs now have a purchasing power of 3.2 percent less than hogs had in 1913—14; 100 pounds of lamb now have a purchasing power of 17.6 percent greater than in 1913—14; and 100 pounds of steers now have a purchasing power of 7.1 percent greater than in 1913—14. Hourly wages received by people in industrial occupations, however, have a considerably higher purchasing powre over the things labour has to buy than such wages had in 1913—14.

If farmers, therefore, are to have a fair relationship with those of other occupations, then agricultural prices during the transition period would have to be not far away from present prices. Much, however, will probably depend upon the quanities of agricultural products the Government can sell abroad, and upon the prices received.

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Washing machines, electric mixers or other household motors kept in a cold place should be brought into a warm room for a few hours before using. Otherwise the oil or grease may be too stiff to lubricate properly.

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The Canadian Red Cross has an arrangement with the postal authorities whereby any contraband goods that may be removed from parcels sent to prisoners of war by their next-of kin are replaced by Red Cross Items. The weight of a next of kin parcel cannot be over 11 pounds. The Red Cross makes sure that none of the parcels are under this prescribed weight.

M. D. FLAGSTAFF ANNUAL MEETING

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The first annual meeting was held in Sedgewick February 17 Mr. K.L Oberg the Returning Officer acted as chairman, the minutes of the meeting were taken by the secretary treasurer, C.J. Brown.

The Reeve, Mr. C.P. Hayes, was asked to the platform to answer any questions that might be asked by the audience as regards the work of the council throughout the year.

As there were no previous minutes of an annual meeting for this enlarged district, the minutes of the first meeting of the council were read. These were descriptive of the inauguration of the council into power. In a short address, Mr. Hayes described the problems that confronted the council after amalgamation of the five districts that now comprise Flagstaff M.D., and the great amount of work entailed in installing an entirely new system of record keeping in the municipal office. He paid a tribute to the members of the staff, who had worked hard to get the office records in shape, and told the audience that the auditors had reported very favourably to the council after the yearly audit. He further went on to explain the difficulties the council had in putting the hospital and medical scheme in force throughout the district. and that **for the nine months the scheme functioned over most of the district the cost had been approximately $30,000.00 for the period. He further went on to report that around 60 miles of elavated road had been built, and another 66 miles** gravelled at a cost of approximately $80,000.00: that $95,000.00 had been paid to schools, and that $25,000.00 had been paid to the Prov. Government for social services requisition:

The Reeve explained that the Social services tax is now a fixed requisition of around $25,000.00. but that while the district has to pay this levy, it received the sum of $47,000.00 arrears of Soc. service tax as an asset which went into the amalgamated taxes, owing to that district.

In as much as the large road contracting outfit had only serviced one part of the district during the working months, it would seem as if the municipal district were too large, however as time goes on and more machinery is available, this will be remedied, as we may be able to supplement contract work with our own machinery. As regards the district it would have been difficult to have laid cut a better or more suitable area and in his opinion the Municipal District had a splendid start. Flagstaff compares very favourably with the Camrose area, or the model unit as set-up by the Provincialial Government. The two being about the same size in area.

The Secretary was asked to briefly outline a financial statement with reference to the receipts and expenditures: It was shown that after paying $109,000.00 for public works. $95,000.00 for schools. $40,000.00 for health and welfare, that the district had a cash balance of $152,000.00 with which to commence this year's work: that our surplus of $335,833.51 was of practically half money, with very few liabilities owing: a very strong financial position.

Mr. Hayes read a compartive list tabulated from the various statements received from other districts, which showed that while enjoying a full hospital and medical scheme, Flaggstaff's mill rates were amongst the lowest in the group.

The health scheme was discussed at some length by the audience a motion was moved and carried, tht the council endeavor to work out some fair method, by which farmers still operating farms and who have moved to a town or, village within the M.D. may benefit by the scheme. Another suggestion received was to the effect that the Village or town Councils should contact Flaggstaff, and some method evolved by which villages **paying a certain amount per capita of population** could come under the health scheme.

Another motion carried that all municipal property should be advertised before being sold.

Attention was drawn to the inequality of the road grants as distributed to different districts, which resulted from not having a representative of the Association of Municipal Districts on the Gov. Board. The distribution was very unfair.

The Municipal Inspector's report on the office was read: this and the financial statement were adopted per motion. A general field assessment had been ordered for 1945, which wars to be completed in 1945. The Reeve informed the meeting that Mr. J. Gair had been appointed chief assessor, but that some assistants would probably be needed: the council had estimated the probable cost to be around $10,000.00 The meeting apparently thought the assessment unnecessary.

Quite a little stress was put upon the weed question as of great imortance to the district as a whole, and each individual farmer. A motion was carried that the council be responsible for the weeds on road allowances. From the moton and the discussion over control of weeds, the Reeve took it that authorization was given the council to purchase the latest equipment in power mowers to endeavor to control the weeds on roads.

At 4 o'clock P.M. the Returning Officer declared that the following nomination papers had been received.

For Div. 1: Alfred Rands elected by acclamation. For Div. 7: C.P. Hayes elected by acclamation. And for Div. 2: E. Borth Jr. D.A. Marchand and J.A. Wright had been nominated and that there would be an election in this division on Saturday the 17th day of Mar. Places and polling booths would be published at a later date.

Mr. Hayes thanked the electors for the election by acclamation said he would strive to give the District the best service he could.

The meeting was attended by around 130 people, it was successful in that any criticizm of the council was constructive: there was no petty bickering to man proceedings. Only a few main roads were open for travel, which doubtless kept many ratepayers from attending. The conduct and the tone of discussion set a high standard, which everyone appreciated and trusts will be maintained, in meetings to come.

It is with regret that we have to record the voluntary retirement of from municipal work of Mr. R.C. Johnson. For over twenty years he served on the council of the old Flagstaff M.D., most of them as Reeve and during the 1st year of the formation of this district was a councillor. A keen and strong personality always novated with the disire to do what was ed with the desire to do what was best for the ratepayers at large and for the municipality. One of the main movers of want we now know as the hospital and medical scheme which has been functioning for 14 years, and also one of the first to grasp the advantages of an elavated and gravelled road system throughout a district, his retirement will be a distinct loss to municipal and public life.

PROCLAMATION!

(Issued under the authority of the Emergency Shelter Regulations, Order-in-Council, P.C. 9439, December 19, 1944)

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The Emergency Shelter Regulations provide serious penalties for hindering or obstructing these efforts and for any contravention of the regulations or of an order of the Board or of the Administrators.

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

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FARMERS AND FIGHTERS THE FORGOTTEN MEN

By H. G. L. Strange

During wartime two groups of men are held in the highest of esteem:—The soldiers who fight the battles and risk their lives, and the farmers who grow the essential foodstuffs to feed the fighting men. When peace comes history tells us, these two groups are usually forgotten.

Let us hope that after this war soldiers and farmers alike will be better remembered. Many promises are being made to give assistance to farmers, but in my humble opinion all the plans proposed, and all the promises made put together to help farmers, are nothing like as important as the one simple act of freeing trade from government obstructions, so that the farmers products can be sold without hindrance to the people of the world who badly need food.

There is but one way for Canada to free trade, and that is to lower better still to eliminate altogether—the trade-strangling tariffs which still exist; which tariffs crucified our farmers after the last war, and which will most seriously harm farmers and all of us again after this war unless they are torn down. Without making any plans, proposals or political promises, our Canadian Govt. can easily eliminate, even in one day, these evil tariffs. Farmers should insist upon it being done.

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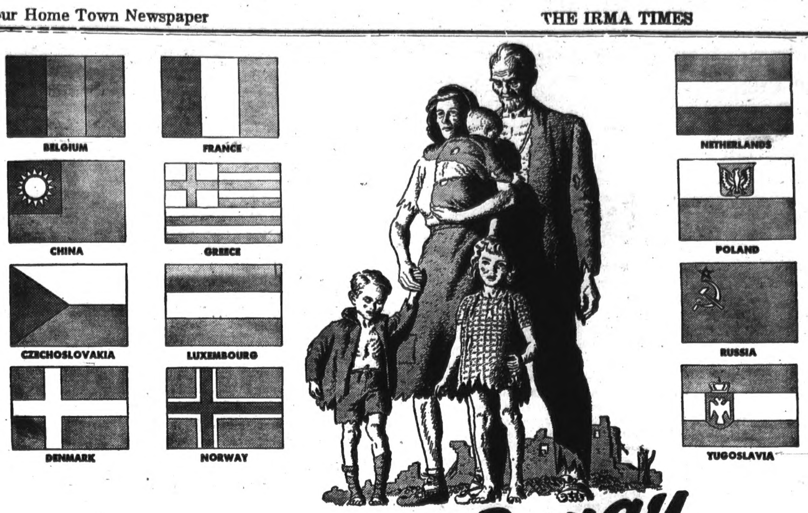
Since the beginning of the war the Canadian Red Cross has built furnished and equipped a 600-bed military hospital in England at a cost of $840,000 and turned it over to Canda's Department of Defence. This hospital is recognized by authorities as among the finest of its type in the world and is giving the very best of treatment and care to Canda's fighting forces.



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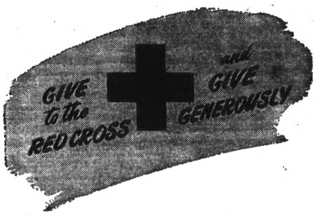

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A joint organization of the Belgian War Relief Fund, Canada-France Relations Committee, Canadian Aid to Russia, Canadian Friends of Luxembourg, Chinese War Relief Fund, Czechoslovakia War Charities Fund, Danish Relief Fund, Greek War Relief Fund, Netherlands Relief Fund, Norwegian Relief Fund, United Polish Relief Fund, Yugoslav Relief Fund.

The Canadian United Allied Relief Fund Needs Your Support

Mr. William M. Burkes of Montreal, Chairman of the Canadian United Allied Relief Fund, issued an appeal today to all ethnic groups in Canada to energetically support and work for the campaign of The Canadian Red Cross Society. Mr. Burkes was speaking on behalf of the Begian War Relief Fund, Canada-France Relations Committee, Canadian Aid to Russia, Canadian Friends of Luxembourg, The Chinese War Relief Fund, Czechoslovak War Charities Fund, Greek War Relief Fund an Yugoslav Relief Fund, who are members of The Canadian United Allied Relief Fund.

Born of the urgent need to send relief to the long-suffering civilian population of Allied countries, and the practical desire to raise the necessary funds from the people of Canada in such a way as not to multiply unnecessarily the appeals to their generosity, it was decided to adopt the principle of The Community Chest. In other Words, instead of conducting eleven separate drives for the relief of the people of eleven Allied nations, they would be combined in one National Campaign, and the proceeds divided on an equitable plan among the victims of Nazi occupation.

The rest of the story is told by Mr. Birks of Montreal, at the headquarters of the fund, 130 Queen Street, Ottawa.

"The Canadian United Allied Relief Fund," said Mr. Birks, "is made up of representatives of the relief organizations of Belgium, Norway, Greece, Poland, Russia, China, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia France, Luxemburg and the Netherlands, and its purpose is to work out ways and means of securing food, clothing and medicines for those who are in desperate need in these countries."

"The first step," Mr. Birks went on to say, "obviously is the collection of funds, for the CUARF is dependent (entirely upon private benevolence, unlike UNRRA which is entirely supported by Governments. From the outset it was realized that it would be a waste of time and effort to build up an organization of our own to conduct a National Campaign, when such an organization already existead, with years of practical experience behind them. We, therefore, with the entire approval of the Government, took the matter up with The Canadian Red Cross Society, and a plan was worked out under which The Red Cross would combine our relief purposes with their own, and conduct the campaign with the wholehearted assistance of the CUARF and it's member organizations.

"It is well to remember," added Mr. Birks, "that this relief agency represents in a very practical way the strong desire of some two million Canadians of European origin who are often called the New Canadians—to relieve some of the distress in their old homelands, and no one knows better than they do the depth of suffering, physical and mental, to which these most unfortunate victims of Nazi brutality have been reduced. The Campaign offers an emotional outlet for these fellow-Canadians who are loyally doing their part in the war, and whose sons are fighting overseas, on land on sea and in the air. They, as well as thousands of Canadians who have throughout the war supported the efforts of our separate relief organizations, can be counted upon to do everything possible to make the National Campaign a success, and they individually will not be behind in making their own contributions to the common fund."

Items From Kinsella District

Mrs. John Jackowitch was down from the city spending a few days in Kinsella.

We are sorry to report that one of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. Greenwood met with an accident on the farm, injuring his eye, which has to be removed. He is at present in an Edmonton hospital.

Mrs. Jack Minchin and daughter Bonnie spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, and son of Wainwright were visiting last week at Mr. and Mrs. Wachters.

Mrs. J.F. Murray paid a visit to the Irma Institute last week and was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin McClean.

Visitors to the city last week were—Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. B. Davis, Mrs. . Witton, Mrs. J. McKie, Mrs. Barker, Verna and Jack Mrs. G. Witts and daughters, Mr. Olsenberg, Mr. T. Greenwood, Mr. M. Crouse and Mr. J. Crouse.

Sgt M. Wilkinson spent the weekend with his family in Kinsella.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Minchin and daughter Bonnie are visiting relatives in Edmonton and Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Berezanski was visiting in the City for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mark were visiting at Holden during the weekend.

Master George Loades had a Birthday party last Thursday and entertained several of his friends.

Mrs. Ben Wachter was visiting in Wainwright for a day or so last week at the home of her daughter.

The annual Congregational meeting of the Kinsella United Church which was postponed owing to weather conditions will be held after the service next Sunday.

The monthly meeting of the Red Cross will be held next Mon. evening in the school at 8.30.

A dance sponsored by the W.I. will be held in Kinsella on Friday March 9th.
Admission, Ladies 25 cents
Gents,50.

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Viking Items

LAC Harold Kjelland and wife spent two weeks leave here with relatives and friends. Harold has been transferred from Vancouver to Red Deer.

Pte Mildred Turnbull formerly of Main Ordnance Depot, Calgary has been transferred to Washington, D. C. Admin. Unit, CWAC.

Mr. Wm. Comisarow was elected Councillor for the Village of Viking by acclamation last Monday, for a term of three years. On March 7th, Mr. Comisarow states he has been in business here the past eleven years. We join in extending congratulations to Councillor Comisarow. He fills the place on the Council of Mayor Hilliker who has served faithfully and well for the past six years.

Realizing the ambition to retire and do as one pleases (something few of us ever realize), Mr. J. Leslie Dodds, C.N.R. agent at Stettler for the past eight years, has gone to Chilliwack, B.C. with his wife to live in ease and comfort in a modern bungalow and a garden spot sufficiently large enough to keep him busy (so he says in a letter to the editor.)

Mr. Dodds had 43 years service with the Canadian Naional Railways, 26 of which were spent at Viking. Other points at which he served the railway was at Saskatoon, Holden and Calgary, besides Stettler.

Before leaving Stettler, Mr. and Mrs. Dodds were wined and dined at several functions and presented with momentoes from their many friends and organizations to which they belonged and took active part in. On their journey to Chilliwack they stopped off in Edmonton to visit their daughter, Mrs. Paull, and were entertained by several former Vikingites, including Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Green and Mrs. Robinson.

Their numerous friends in this district wish them many happy years in their new home. J.Leslie says he is going to catch up on some hunting and fishing, now that the whistle of the C.N.R. means nothing but a pleasant noise echoing through the Chilliwack hills.

FARMERS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

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SOIL CONSERVATION AND THE FUTURE OF THE PRAIRIES—By W. J. Breakey, Assistant Superintendent Fields Crops, Canadian Government Experimental Farm, Morden, Man,

Note—This is the first of a series of comments by well-known prairie authorities, written expressly for the Weekly Press of Western Canada.)

When the White Man arrived on the prairies some 132 years ago and planted his first crops of cereals, turnips and potatoes, the prairie soil had a protective covering of vegetation, chiefly grass.

When the bulk of the prairie soils now under cultivation were brokensome 50 to 70 years ago, they produced abundant wheat crops under ordinary methods of cultivation. However, soil is a rather complex thing and over large and even small areas, the physical and chemical properties may vary changing rather abruptly. The result is various soil types which exhibit many different characteristics. These different soil types, as is to be expected, do not all respond to similar treatment or cultural practices. After only 40 years of cultivation, many areas in western Canada began to show the effects of soil deterioation, which has come along by poor management and faulty cultural practices.

It is sad but true that where the ploughman trod his weary way to produce his daily bread, his foot to often cursed the one-time fertile and generous soil and left it barren, drifting and unproductive.

Within the space of a comparatively short time, less than half a century, millions of acres of land that were originally broken out of sod and brought under cultivation have had to be returned to grass.

It perhaps is true that a goodly portion of this land should never have been broken. It is hoped that the experience gained, and the hardships suffered by those early pioneers and those who followed in their steps, should serve as a timely warning to the present and future generations, that land is a most important natural resource and should be treated and worked in such a manner as to not only preserve it but to improve it as our inheritance for future generations.

The soil is a source for food, clothing and unlimited wealth. A productive soil can become the cornerstone of vast economic and commercial enterprises and be the chief supporting pillar of industry.

The soil is mans heritage. It should be regarded as a possesion held intrust and to be passed on in full effectiveness to future generations. It is only too true that the White Man subdued the prairies. Then, why should he not replenish them?

In many areas man has actually destroyed the means of life while attempting to support life. So great has the menace of soil deterioration become resulting from wind and water erosion, that the three Prairie Provinces, with an area of approxiamately 106 million acres in the grass zone, have enacted controls and brought into being a soil conservation plan for the prairie agriculturist. Under this plan it is hoped to build a bulwark for the present and future generations under prairie conditions.

What then of the future of the Prairie Provinces? The three Prairie Provinces have a total of over 458 million acres of land, a very considerable portion of which has never been broken. Western agriculture cannot hope to become permanently productive unless the future outlook is built around the fundemental need of conserving the soil while using it.

During the past three years farm prices have risen very considerably for all farm products. The rise in prices was long overdue, however, it took a world war to bring about a general price rise in farm products. Farmers have benefitted to such a degree that farm mortgages and debts have been materially reduced and a large percentage liquidated. Farmers in general, have contributed their share to each of the past Seven Victor Loans. Farmers in Western Canada have millions invested in Victory Bonds and they will continue to invest and add to theirreserves in the future. "Canada needs the mony now; the farmers will need it after the war. With restrictions on purchasing practically everything required for the farm, it is a great opportunity for farmers to rebuild their reserves and take advantage of the fuutre possibilities of the prairie realm.

With proper Goverment directed soil conservation, along with sound farm management and improved cultural practices, Prairie Agriculture will continue to improve the agricultural outlook broadens and new and improved agricultural practices and innovations are acceepted and adopted.

The future permanency of agriculture must be built around the farm home, with improved living standards, modernizing of home surroundings, with new modern equipment, including rural electrification of farm buildings and the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and small orchards in and around the farmyard grounds, both for adornment and protection from the elements—wind, summer heat, winter cold and drifting snow.

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In sprinkling clothes for ironing warm water penetrates and goes through fabrics faster than cold water. Placing the sprinkled and rolled-up clothes on a warm (not hot) radiator for a short time also helps get the ironing ready in a hurry.

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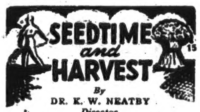
Three blood donations are requIred to make one bottle of dried blood serum, according to information from the Canadian Red Cross. Nine donations are required to give a wounded man a chance to live. Ten donations approximately equal the amount of blood in the human body.

In Halifax, recently, the entire crew of a Canadian minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "Gananoque" volunteered to give blood donations to the Canadian Red Cross "blood bank". In Newfoundland, 33 men from the minesweeper H.M.C.S "Medicine Hat" marched from their ship to the Red Cross blood clinic in a Newfoundland port.



By
DR. K. W. NEATBY
Director
Line Elevators Farm Service
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dormancy in Seeds

Seeds of some crops will germinate within a few days after harvest. Others remain dormant for some weeks or even months. Seeds of many common weeds may remain dormant in the soil for years, despite the fact that conditions of moisture, temperature and aeration may be suitable for germination. Farmers often have reason to wish that wheat and barley seeds would remain dormant much longer than they do, because losses from sprouting in the stook and swath are considerable. Longer spells of wet weather are usually required to induce oats to germinate in the stook.

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The results of a germination test should indicate the percentage of live seeds capable of producing vigorous seedlings. If some seeds remain dormant the germinating ability of the sample will be underestimated. For this reason, all properly equipped laboratories subject seed samples to a pre-chilling treatment which usually 'breaks' the dormancy.

This year, due to peculiar weather conditions, a good many samples, particularly of oats, have remained dormant longer than usual and pre-chilling has not always completely overcome the dormancy. After the usual germination test, dead seeds can usually be distinguished from dormant ones. After finding a good many dormant seeds, we retested a number of samples and prolonged the pre-chilling period. The germination was increased, sometimes by a wide margin. Our patrons have, of course, all been informed.

Farmers who made home germination tests earlier in the season and obtained poor results should retest.

Friday Special! WAR STAMPS-25¢ at your GROCER'S

"SALADA" TEA

A Land Of Opportunity

IN THE PAST, CANADA HAS PROVED to be, for many people, a land of opportunity. Our great railway systems were built, and our rich farming and mining districts opened up, by men who had confidence in the future of the country. The difficult times experienced during the drought and depression of the "thirties" caused some to doubt whether there were any longer many possibilities for advancement here, but the manner in which we have met the demands made by the war upon our energies and resources, has demonstrated that we should be able to deal equally well with peace-time needs. One of the greatest of these needs will be to provide opportunities for the many thousands of men and women who will be returning to civilian life, and for the generation now growing up in Canada.

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May Have Hope For The Future

There are many reasons why we may face the future with confidence and hope. We have been fortunate in escaping the devastation suffered by many nations through bombing and other forms of enemy attack, and Canada is one of the few countries that can revert to peacetime conditions with industries, resources and communications intact. Because of the needs of war, most of our industries and resources have been expanded, and intensive research and invention have led to many new developments. Canada has also expanded considerably as a world power during the war years. We now rank third among the United Nations in sea power, and fourth in the world in air power. In addition, Canada's geographic position has made her an important factor in assisting with the establishment of a closer relationship and better understanding between Great Britain and the United States.

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Supplies Many World Needs

There are still many possibilities in Canada for the opening up of new lands for mining and farming, of extending communications and of developing great supplies of hydro-electric power. It is also apparent that we hold an important position in relation to world airways of the future, and that this will lead to many new developments here. In a recent bulletin published by the Royal Bank of Canada, it is pointed out that although there are only a little over eleven million people here, making up but a small proportion of the total world population, we have, by industry and initiative achieved a leading place in the production of many of the world's needs. In addition, we have maintained a sound economic standing, both at home and in international financial markets. The bulletin observes that "it is not what we did yesterday but what we do tomorrow that makes for greatness." Much has been accomplished in the past, but Canada is still a land of opportunity for those who have confidence in her many potentialities.

HOW YOU CAN GET QUICK RELIEF FROM SORE, PAINFUL PILES

Most people seem to think the only way to get relief from their sore, painful piles is by local treatment. Local treatment may give temporary relief from the itching but you can easily see why such treatment will not correct the cause of your piles.

No lasting freedom from pile misery can be had unless the cause of the trouble is corrected. Piles are due to internal causes so the best way to get lasting relief is to treat them internally with a medicine like Hem-Roid.

Hem-Roid is a formula that has been used for over 40 years by thousands of pile sufferers. It is a small, highly concentrated tablet, easy and pleasant to use. This cleverly compounded tablet formula directs its medical action to relief of the congestion that is the real cause of your piles. Hem-Roid promotes free, easy and comfortable bowel movements, quickly relieves itching irritation and soreness and stimulates better blood circulation in the lower bowel. With good blood circulation in the lower bowel the painful pile tumors soon heal over leaving the sensitive rectal membranes clean and healthy.

We invite you to try Hem-Roid and let it prove itself. You can make your test, in the privacy of your own home. NO COST if you are not convinced that this is an amazingly easy and surprisingly effective method of treating your sore, painful piles.

Get a package of Hem-Roid today from any drug store and use it as directed for JUST FIVE DAYS. At the end of that time if you are not absolutely sure Hem-Roid is the nicest, cleanest and most effective pile treatment you ever tried, return the unused portion of the package to your druggist and he will promptly refund your money.

Posed by a Professional Model

NOTE: This generous offer is backed by a reliable firm doing business in Canada for a good many years. Hem-Roid must help your pile condition quickly, easily and pleasantly or this simple, easy test costs you nothing. Try it today.

Not The Time

Victim Of Bombing Did Not Consider Bombing As Emergency

Innumerable stories are told round stoves of Civil Defence Headquarters in London suburbs, of amazing fortitude by victims of the enemy bombs. Perhaps one of the best, and a perfectly authentic one, is of the elderly woman in Balham, who was finally rescued from the ruins of her small home by a hefty gang of tough but sympathetic navvies. Seeing the old lady was in rather a bad way, one of the latter, noticing a bottle of whiskey that had luckily escaped the domestic debacle, suggested that she should have a good nip. Whereon the victim protested feebly but volubly: "'Ere, leave that bottle alone—it's for an emergency!"

In Honduras mahogany trees take about 200 years to reach their size—100 feet tall and 40 feet in circumference.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

Gives faster relief from... Sprains, Aches and Soreness

Eye Shields

Arabs In Middle East Use These As A Protective Measure

Thousands of Arabs in the Middle East desert are wearing cellulose acetate transparent eye-shields originally supplied to British troops of the 8th, 9th and 10th Armies. Hundreds of millions of these shields have been produced in Britain, originally to protect the eyes of soldiers and A.R.P. workers against poison gas. In the Middle East they have proved invaluable as a protection for the eyes against sand, dust, flies and the glare of the sun, both for soldiers and civilians. The shields are particularly valuable in saving Arab children from the eye infections common in the desert.

B. X. Plastics, Limited, the British firm most prominently associated with their development and manufacture, considers that an important post-war market has been created in the Middle East and also the Far East for this British wartime commodity.

FIRE RESISTANT PAINT

Two fire-resistant paints for ship use have come out of the war so far. One of them, for use mainly on steel, will discolor but will not burn when brought into contact with flame. The second goes a step further and actually acts as a fire extinguisher, by giving off a fire-smothering vapor when exposed to flames. It is used largely for the protection of the woodwork of a ship. 2606

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—May we sell rationed commodities, such as honey or home-made preserves donated by a consumer, at our church bazaar without collecting coupons?

A.—You must first apply to your local ration board for authority to sell rationed commodities at church sales and this application must be made before the bazaar.

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Q.—If my tenants are more than 15 days behind with their rent, how much notice must I give them?

A.—Rentals regulations protect good tenants only. These tenants may be given notice to vacate under the law of the Province.

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Q.—I am farming and need a supply of small arms ammunition. My certificate of essentiality expired at the end of the year. How do I go about having it re-issued?

A.—Apply to the local ration board which approved the original certificate.

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Q.—I am a farmer's wife and keep our own family supplied with butter. Is it necessary for me to turn in butter coupons to cover the butter consumed?

A.—Every butter producer, whether the butter is used for home consumption only or sold to butter customers, must turn in coupons to the local ration board to cover the butter consumed or sold as the case may be. These coupons are to be turned in every month.

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Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices, mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

Hitler's Pet Soldier

Marshal Rommel Was Great Gambler Says Field Marshal Smuts

It is somewhat surprising to find Field Marshal Rommel, who at the age of 53 died of wounds, described in the "Times" as a brilliant tactician. Field Marshal Smut's description of this typical German military thug as a great gambler rather than a great soldier will certainly be endorsed by the best critic of all, Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery. The only military successes achieved by Rommel—the tank thrust that broke the French front at Maubeuge and cut off our 51st Division at St. Valery and the North African counter-attack that threw our Eighth Army right back to El Alamein—were won by overwhelming advantage of mechanical and artillery equipment. Rommel was badly worsted in every tactical manoeuvre where conditions were more or less equal, and finally deserted his Africa Corps as well as his Italian allies to get back to Berlin before the Tunisian debacle.

TRYING NEW CURE

A new drug which appears to cure African sleeping sickness, and actually has cured the early cases so far tried, was announced in Science, official Journal of American Scientists. African sleeping sickness has been so deadly incurable that large areas of that continent are not habitable.

Peter the Great of Russia could not read or write until he had been czar five years.

The Color Trend

Is Used As A Definite Aid To Medical Science

The trend toward the use of color as a definite aid to medical science in modern hospitals is exemplified in the internal color scheme of Canada's newest hospital ship, the Letitia—hailed as one of the largest and most modernly equipped hospital ships afloat.

There was a time—and not so long ago at that—when plain white paint was considered the only correct thing for hospital wards and corridors. In recent years, however, the trend has been away from white and much research has gone into the chosing of the colors that are to replace it.

That research finds its expression in the Letitia, just as it does in an increasing number of hospitals across Canada and to an even more marked extent in the United States.

So it is that the Letitia sails the seas today with her cargo of wounded soldiers lying, not in the pitiless glare of all-white surroundings, but in wards of soft green. They find the color more restful and more cheerful.

The seventeen wards of the Letitia are done in light green, and the corridors of the ship are finished in a darker green by way of contrast. The men who chose that color scheme knew that there is more than the physical side to consider when making people well. They knew that the mental attitude of the patient plays a part in his recovery too.

Even the ceilings of the Letitia's wards have been divorced from the traditional white. Instead, they are finished in a less glaring and more agreeable buff paint.

The color scheme of many modern hospitals have gone further than that of the Letitia. While light and dark greens are the predominant note in the hospital ship, many shore establishments now have rooms—private and public—finished in warm creams, yellows, or coral and peach. Soft greys and greyed-down versions of other colors have been found soothing and suggestive of sleep.

As Dr. C. Harvey Agnew, secretary of the department of hospital services, Canadian Medical Association, has put it, color is an item of "major importance" in the psychological treatment of a patient. It is realized now that not only can correctly chosen colors promote serenity of mind, restfulness and cheerfulness, but certain colors can be utilized to produce specific emotions and reactions on th part of the patient.

The Letitia, of course, is designed to be a short-term resting place for the wounded men she hurries across the ocean to home. For that reason, her color scheme is one aimed at having the highest general utility, without going too deeply into the various color combinations and schemes designed for particular cases.

The Burmese regard tattooing as a fine art.

Chapped Skin

SOOTHING, COOLING

Mentholatum soothes, promotes healing, brings quick relief *or money back.* Also for chafing, cuts and bruises. Jars and tubes, 30c. 10N

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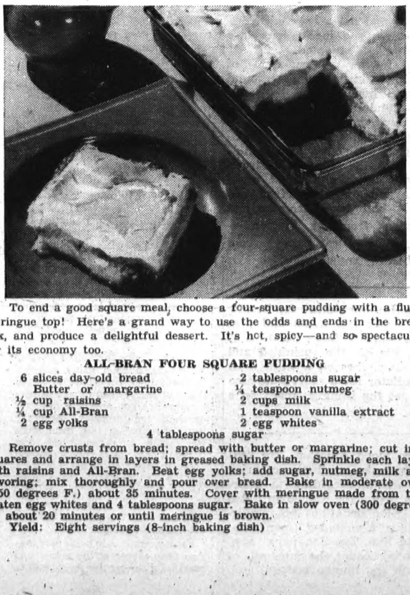
Put An End To It! With A Pudding Dessert



To end a good square meal, choose a four-square pudding with a fluffy meringue top! Here's a grand way to use the odds and ends in the bread box, and produce a delightful dessert. It's hot, spicy—and so spectacular for its economy too.

ALL-BRAN FOUR SQUARE PUDDING

6 slices day-old bread
Butter or margarine
½ cup raisins
¼ cup All-Bran
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 egg whites
4 tablespoons sugar

Remove crusts from bread; spread with butter or margarine; cut into squares and arrange in layers in greased baking dish. Sprinkle each layer with raisins and All-Bran. Beat egg yolks; add sugar, nutmeg, milk and flavoring; mix thoroughly and pour over bread. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 35 minutes. Cover with meringue made from two beaten egg whites and 4 tablespoons sugar. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees F) about 20 minutes or until meringue is brown.

Yield: Eight servings (8-inch baking dish)

I Married an Angel!

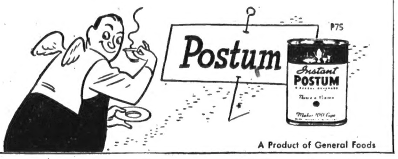
YESSIR, the sweetest, cleverest, most reasonable little gal in the world. Knows what's what about good food, too!

So when she said "Postum's a grand-tasting drink—you'll like it, honey!"... I was willing to give it a try. Just for her sake, mind you!

I had to be convinced... and *am* I! Boy! What a flavor! Rich and hearty and satisfying—not like tea, not like coffee, just a *grand* drink.

Angel says that even children can safely drink it. Because Postum hasn't a trace of caffein or any other drug to affect heart or nerves or digestion.

Even *I* can make Postum. You just add boiling water or hot milk right in the cup. And for all that, it costs less than 1¢ a serving.



A Product of General Foods

SMILE AWHILE

Hunter—Have you ever been lost in the woods?

Old Guide—Nope. I never did get lost, but I was bewildered once for four days.

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Hobo—I'm hungry, lady.

Housewife—Here's a cent. But how did you fall so low?

Hobo—I had your fault, mum. I was too extravagant.

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Woman (talking over telephone)—Send up a bale of hay.

Merchant—Who is it for?

Woman—The horse.

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"I have a brother with a wooden leg."

"That's nothing. I've a sister who has a cedar chest."

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Damsel—You're a sailor. Have you ever been boarded by pirates?

Naval Officer—Yes, I spent last leave at a seaside hotel.

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Mrs. P.—I went to the circus and I'm certainly glad of it.

Mrs. N.—Why?

Mrs. P.—Because ever since I saw the hippopotamus I've been better satisfied with my own shape.

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Customer—My goodness, eggs are high!

Grocer—Sure, part of the war program.

Customer—How?

Grocer—All the hens are making shells.

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Enthusiastic Golfer (in letter to sock manufacturer)—Fifteen minutes after putting on a pair of your socks, I made a hole in one.

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"Your husband seems to be a man of rare gifts."

I'll say he is—he hasn't given me one since we were married."

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"The clothes my tailor makes last for years. Look at that blue serge suit of mine. There's an example."

"Yes, a shining example."

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Appealing Advertising—Use Lumpo soap. Doesn't lather. Doesn't bubble. Doesn't clean. It's just company in the tub.

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A local couple once had a quarrel and got into police court. A neighbor was a witness.

Judge—Were you present at the beginning of the trouble?

Witness—Certainly, I was a witness at their wedding.

SOCKS WILL NOT SHRINK

The Quartermaster Corps has developed a simple shrink preventive treatment for woolen socks that will, it is thought, be applicable to all woolen fabrics, officials of the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot announced recently. The treatment has been used, up to date, only for socks, but preliminary tests indicate that it also will be practical in making other wool or part part-wool fabrics non-shrinkable.

Approximately three tons of steel are used in making one heavy bomber.

New War Weapons

United States Establishes Test Station In California

On a 656,000-acre tract of government land in the Mojave desert's lava mountains, the U.S. navy has established a $35,000,000 ordnance test station for new and terrible weapons of war, among them rockets which may be used against Japan. It will be 18 months before the station is completed.

The programme for rockets includes an expenditure of $100,000,000 a month for ammunition alone.

Itching Scalp—Loose Dandruff

Try This Home Treatment For Quick Ease and Comfort

Here is a clean powerful penetrating oil that brings speedy relief from the itching torture and discomfort.

Don't dig with fingernails, that only serves to spread the trouble. Just use equal parts of Moone's Emerald Oil and olive oil. Apply gently with the fingertips once a day and shampoo every fourth day. You'll find this treatment not only soothes the itching and torture but helps promote more rapid healing—loose floating dandruff becomes a thing of the past. You can obtain Emerald Oil in the original bottle at any good drugstore.

WORK WENT ON

Hundreds of incendiaries and 42 high explosive bombs fell in Cammel Laird's shipyards at Birkenhead, Eng., in the winter of 1940-41 but work went on just the same in berths which have turned out such ships as the Ark Royal, Prince of Wales and submarine Spearfish.

DO THIS If Child Has a Cold

Don't take needless chances with untried remedies. Relieve miseries this home-proved, double-action way.

WORKS 2 WAYS AT ONCE

PENETRATES to upper breathing passages with medicinal vapors.

STIMULATES chest and back surfaces like a warming poultice.

KEEPS WORKING FOR HOURS

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Complete Record And Full History Of Soldiers Kept From The Moment Of Enlistment

IF THE Canadian Army ever decided to go into the book business and publish biographies of its some 750,000 personnel, it would have little trouble correlating the facts. For the Army knows more about its members than sometimes the soldiers do themselves.

From the moment of enlistment, when the recruit fills out a form denominated as "MFM 2" in which he or she gives the full history of life to date—place and date of birth, religion, education, employment history, etc., to the day of discharge or demobilization, when the final documents are filed away there is a complete record of one and every soldier's life.

The Army could tell you what their soldier's like to do with their spare time. What their ambitions are. How long they've been married. How they react to authority, discipline, punishment or making more money. The Army could whisper too, if it wished to do so, if the soldier likes to gamble, drink or run around. But, of course, all this data is confidential, and is used only for the purpose of allocating personnel where they may best be of most value to the concentrated war effort.

To keep these miniature biographies up-to-date, Army Examiners talk to soldiers from time to time. A recruit meets the Examiner upon enlistment, upon the completion of basic training and also advanced training. The soldier's changing viewpoint for change it does—is recorded, and is not overlooked in placing him or her in one of the various military jobs.

Occasionally, too, soldiers are requested to fill out questionnaires in which the questions pertain to education, civil employment, personal history, etc. Here is a typical brief history of one soldier: "Lived in B.C. until 1930. Attended Normal College there and taught school. Came to Toronto in 1930. Taught at ——— College until June, 1937. Taught in Ontario public schools until October, 1941. Left to join the Navy, but was rejected. Worked in a war plant until September, 1942. Here was successively, operator, employe instructor, operating inspector and personnel manager. The company sent me to the Personnel Administration Course given by the Department of Labor. I would like to continue work in Personnel Administration after the war, with rehabilitation of service personnel if possible. Am also in hope of taking a course in this subject at some university."

The soldier, too, paradoxically enough, knows more about himself or herself, by the Army's record procedure. In the pocket of each soldier is a small book known as Militia Book M.i. or Soldier's Service and Pay Book.

This little volume will tell the warrior at a glance the exact day of enlistment, how many years he or she went to school, what exact day promotion was received or trade test passed. It tells, too, the date they last had innoculation; how many brothers and sisters they have and which is the oldest; their medical classification at present—and a complete record of changes with dates of such alterations.

Billiard Expert

Canadian Pacific Dining Car Steward Wins Fame

Harry Revoy, of Winnipeg, is widely known as a Canadian Pacific Railway dining car steward operating for the most part between Winnipeg and Calgary. His suave, accommodating manner is in the best tradition of the service he has represented as waiter and steward for the past 34 years, yet sports fans hail him as one of the Dominion's really great billiardists.

His uncanny skill with the cue has stamped him as one of the greatest authorities on the game of English billiards in the country today, and perhaps as the best all-round master of the three-ball game in Canadian amateur circles.

Harry Revoy has won the Manitoba amateur title and the British Columbia crown, which he still holds, at least ten times during the past 27 years when he has been clicking the ivories on green tables all over Canada. "I have played and beaten all professionals and amateurs in Winnipeg," said the Manitoba cue ace, "and with the possible exception of Tom Tothill, now residing in Vancouver, I consider myself the best billiardist in Canada."

The high-strung, nervous Winnipeg steward leaped into sports page prominence recently when he rolled up three new Canadian records which seem destined to last for some time.

At the LaSalle parlors in Winnipeg during December, Harry scored 1,000 points in the extraordinary short space of two hours and 35 minutes, averaging 71.6 points in 14 visits to the table. Featuring his great performance was a stupendous break of 198 while on two other occasions he passed the 100 mark, shooting 130 and 111.

Billiards have proved an interesting and stimulating avocation for the popular dining car steward. He thinks that his game, like good wine, is improving with age, and looks forward confidently, at 52 years of age, to even better table performance in the future.

Harry Revoy started clicking the ivory balls around when he was 25 years of age, disproving the old theory that those who would master games of skill must start in their formative childhood years. He went for the game whole-heartedly, and through constant play and practice, has developed his skill to an amazing peak.

Like other sports enthusiasts, Harry has his idol, Walter Lindrum, the Australian cue star, who in Harry's book is "the acme of perfection" and his ambition is to cross the ocean to participate in the British Empire amateur billiards championship. "That, however, comes under the head of post war plans," he added.

Harry has been with the Canadian Pacific dining car department since 1910, but managed through his billiard career to pack hours of practice into the free time which his job allowed him. At many western cities where he "laid over" he tried his skill, but for the greater part his practice and play has been in Winnipeg and Vancouver.

"My 27 years of playing, practicing and studying the game," he said, "have proved fruitful, and my talents are slowly ripening so that my last game saw me making breaks of 198, 130 and 111. That was my finest effort in those 27 years, but I've still got a long way to go and I will improve."

An automobile uses 50 per cent. less gas at 30 miles an hour than it does at 60 miles per hour.

Prefer Blackout

London Motorists Eay Partial Lighting Makes Driving Much Harder

One of the queer little sidelights of the war is that London motorists, after five years of blackout, say they don't like the recently-authorized increase in the amount of lighting on the streets.

Bus drivers, truck drivers, cabbies and the private motorists—what there is of them—almost unanimously condemn the new "moon-lighting" as increasing the danger of driving at night.

Pin-point street lamps used to provide so-called "starlighting". To all intents and purposes that meant no light at all. But motorists got used to finding their way around with dim headlamps, and at least the darkness was uniform.

Now the greater London area is a patchwork of light and dark. Some streets have the new moonlighting or at least "starlighting plus." Others still are starlit. And even moonlighting consists only of pools of brightness under the widely-separated street lamps and darkness between.

Professional drivers say their eyes can't attune themselves quickly enough to the changes in lighting intensity and that driving in such areas is 100 per cent. more hazardous than in the full blackout.

Traffic deaths have increased since the moonlighting was introduced, with pedestrians the principal victims.

Big Game Species In Canada's National Parks

ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS
Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada.

One of the primary purposes of Canada's national parks is to afford sanctuary for wildlife—large or small, furred or feathered. Among the big game animals protected in these parks are Rocky Mountain (bighorn) sheep, Rocky Mountain goats, buffalo, elk, moose, caribou and other deer; in fact, most of Canada's big game species find sanctuary in the national parks.

Elk Island National Park in Alberta has, since the closing of Buffalo Park at Wainwright in the same province, become the home of the plains buffalo. More than a thousand fine, healthy animals roam inside this 50-square-mile enclosure of luscious pastures, fresh lakes and abundant shade trees. Other big game species in this park include 500 elk and a smaller number of mule deer and moose.

Wood Buffalo Park, lying partly in Alberta and partly in the Northwest Territories, has herds of both wood and plains buffalo. Because of the vast area which it covers (more than 17,000 square miles) and its extensive forests, it is difficult to make an accurate estimate of the size of these herds. Observations made by park wardens and scientific investigators on summer and winter ranges place the total at about 9,000 head.

Canada's mountain playgrounds—Banff, Jasper, Kootenay, Mount Revelstoke, Yoho, Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks—abound with big game. Perhaps the most common species are Rocky Mountain sheep and Rocky Mountain goats. The sheep are not nearly so bashful as the goats. The latter rarely give an opportunity to the average "camera-hunter", and one must know something of the haunts and habits of these wily animals to get a good "close-up" for the snapshot album.

Prince Alberta National Park in Saskatchewan and Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba serve as sanctuaries for big game indigenous to the prairie regions. Moose, elk, woodland caribou, and other deer are found in these parks and there is a small enclosure of plains buffalo near Audy Lake in Riding Mountain Park.

The establishment of Cape Highlands National Park in Nova Scotia will no doubt result in the restoration of big game once numerous in that region.

The presence of big game animals in Canada's national parks is not only a major tourist attraction but it demonstrates the desire of the Canadian people to protect all wildlife species, large or small, from the fate of extirpation which overtook the wild pigeon and the wild turkey. As long as these parks are maintained, wild creatures will find sanctuary in them and Canada will continue to possess some of the finest natural museums of wildlife in the world.

British Submarines

Sink Many Japanese Craft While Operating In Far Eastern Waters

Since the beginning of 1944, H.M. submarines operating in Far Eastern waters have sunk one Japanese cruiser, and 157 other ships ranging from large supply vessels to anti-submarine craft. An enemy aircraft carrier was torpedoed and believed to have been sunk, another cruiser was hit by torpedoes, 31 other ships of various sizes have been damaged and several of H.M. submarines have also carried out a number of bombardments against enemy shore installations.

Fewer Bicycles

Canadian Production For 1943 Was Lowest In Nine Years

No wonder it's hard to get bicycles. Along with the increased demand because of gas rationing and greater requirements for messenger and delivery services, newly published official statistics reveal that Canadian production of cycles was the lowest since 1935. Under wartime restrictions to conserve metals and labor, output amounted to only 47,673 compared with 72,120 in 1942. And production is still limited.—Montreal Gazette.

The word curfew is taken from the French words couvre feu, meaning cover the fire.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

Remarkable Mascot

Wire-Haired Terrier Brought Good Luck To Merchant Ship

Taking her turn on watch when at sea and rousing the crew from sleep in the mornings, a small wire-haired terrier is the most remarkable mascot in the Merchant Navy. She is "Sussie", mascot of the S.S. Whitstable. When the Whitstable is in port, the terrier stands guard by the gangway and gives warning of the approach of strangers.

At sea, as her watch on deck ends, she goes below and awakens the relief watch. Then she "turns in," her bunk being in the Master's cabin.

Sussie likes her trips ashore, but she never overstays her leave. The crew swear by her, for, since she came aboard, they have met no mines, U-boats, or aircraft, and have had only good weather.—British Information Services.

Absand Oils

Full Operation Of Refinery Would Produce 600 Barrels A Day

It was reported at Edmonton that the initial test run of the Absand Oils Limited refinery at Fort McMurray was completed December 24.

G. B. Webster, vice-president and managing director, said early in December the plant was about to swing into a "stream" output of 450 barrels a day and that full operation of the refinery would produce 600 barrels a day.

Joyous Shouts Of Forgotten Women Of France

When the American Seventh Army took the town of Haguenau, last important Alsatian town before the German border, they found 300 French women in the town jail. They had been imprisoned by the Germans for political offences. Some had been in durance for two years. On liberation by the Americans, the women became almost hysterical with joy. The above photo was made as they rushed through the jail gate. When leaving the town in a hurry before the advancing Americans, the Germans apparently forgot all about the women.

Commonwealth Air Training Plan Has Been Drastically Curtailed To Meet Conditions

THE roar of airplane motors in Canadian skies was reduced to a buzz in 1944 as the big British Commonwealth Air Training Plan that made the nation the "airdrome of democracy" was drastically curtailed and a partial R.C.A.F. demobilization plan established.

The plan will not be extended after its expiry date, March 31, 1945, when a shadow plan will be installed. Previously scores of air schools and emergency landing fields were closed, training commands were amalgamated, the air council reduced and 4,200 potential trainees were transferred to the army.

Busy in the battle skies throughout the world, the R.C.A.F. began 1944 with a new chief of air staff—Air Marshal Robt. Leckie. He got his appointment Jan. 1, two months after taking over the responsibilities when Air Marshal L. S. Breadner went to Britain to become overseas chief.

Announcing the curtailment program in November, Maj. Power said the air plan was aimed at gaining air supremacy in every theatre of war and he added, "this purpose has been accomplished." When the plan ends March 31—a total of 224,296 trained aircrew will have graduated from Canadian flying fields.

He explained the need for curtailment was based on a huge surplus of aircrew built up by a plan that was gauged on higher casualties than were actually suffered and the unpredictable course of the war.

Meanwhile an air mission returned from a study of Pacific war theatre conditions and it is widely reported that between 15 and 20 of the force's 45 overseas squadrons will be sent against Japan on a re-voluntary basis when the war in Europe is over. Other squadrons—possibly made up of R.C.A.F. men in the R.A.F.—may stay in Europe to co-operate with occupational forces.

One feature of the home organization was the establishment of a Northwest Air Command to take over the staging route over the northwest corner of the Dominion and which in the words of Maj. Power, is likely to have increasing importance as Pacific commitments are assumed.

Men now being demobilized—roughly on a first-in-first-out basis—are not barred from application into the post-war R.C.A.F., the composition of which will not be decided for at least a year.

The year-end found hundreds of men being demobilized, many of them returning from overseas operational tours. Many of the returning flying personnel are taking over administration jobs from non-flying men released from the service, as fewer and fewer training craft take the air.

With about 10,000 aircrew in the training stream before Nov. 7 headed for a civilian reserve when they graduate, and recent graduates being demobilized, it has been said officially that only a smattering of aircrew in operational training units and debarkation depots will go overseas in future.

The amalgamation saw No. 2 training command at Winnipeg and No. 4 at Calgary unite on a greatly reduced scale as No. 2 Air Command with headquarters at Moose Jaw, Sask. No. 1 at Toronto and No. 3 at Montreal, greatly curtailed, will join early this year as No. 1 Air Command with headquarters at Trenton, Ont.

Lots Of Eggs

Canada Hopes To Provide Britain With 180,000,000 Eggs Next Fall

Agriculture Department officials said that next fall Canada hopes to provide the United Kingdom with 180,000,000 fresh eggs, in what used to be the season when Canadians themselves were drawing on storage stocks.

They estimated that surplus 1944 fall production to be bought by the special products board will be more than 70,000,000 eggs. They termed "one of Canada's most notable agricultural achievements of the war" the production increases in seasons of low production in the past.

These increases have made Canadian consumers independent of storage eggs, and none have been stored for domestic consumption for four years.

ELECTIONS IN ITALY

The newly organized Italian cabinet decided to hold elections throughout liberated Italy next spring regardless of whether northern Italy is liberated. The elections will be the first free ones held in Italy for 24 years.

So elaborate are the cakes made at one New York shop that blueprints are drawn for them.

Invented By Accident

English Chemist Got Idea For Linoleum 100 Years Ago

Nearly 100 years ago, linoleum was discovered, or more properly invented by accident.

An English chemist, Frederick Walton, was engaged in experiments to improve the floor coverings of those days. One day he absent-mindedly lifted a piece of dry paint from the top of an open can. All at once he realized that this lump of dried paint had possibilities. Looking into the matter more carefully, the chemist found the substance was nothing more or less than linseed oil exposed to air. That was the beginning of linoleum.

Nowadays, after linseed oil is oxidized, it is mixed in immense cauldrons. Cork and color pigments are added. When the mixture becomes a fluffy, soft mass, it is poured into a base where immense rollers finish the job. This "green" linoleum is hung up in tightly sealed rooms for several weeks to age at 150 degrees Fahrenheit. It eventually comes out of retirement as an attractive floor covering.

Experts say that the life of linoleum can be extended by keeping the surface protected with a thin coat of wax. When the floor is dirty it should be washed with a mop or floor cloth wrung out of a mild soapy solution, never with a harsh soap or scouring powder.

Daily care should consist of dusting with an untreated mop.

Salt Bed

Recent Find Has Been Made In The Vermilion Area

Mines Minister N. E. Tanner of Alberta, said a spurt in the demand for acreage for development purposes has been caused by the recent strike of a 400-foot deep salt bed in the Vermilion area. Keen interest was being shown in the salt possibilities of the region, he said.

The strike was made at the Vermilion Consolidated Oil Co. well when the drill reached a depth of 3,481 feet. Salt showings continued to 3,900 feet.

Beginner's Crochet

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Alice Brooks

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To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

THE SOFT ANSWER

Rufus Choate one day forgot himself to the extent of asking the forbidden question. He inquired a lady's age. "Why do you wish to know that?" icily demanded the object of his curiosity. "Dear lady," the wily diplomat replied, "I merely wanted to know at what age a woman is most fascinating."

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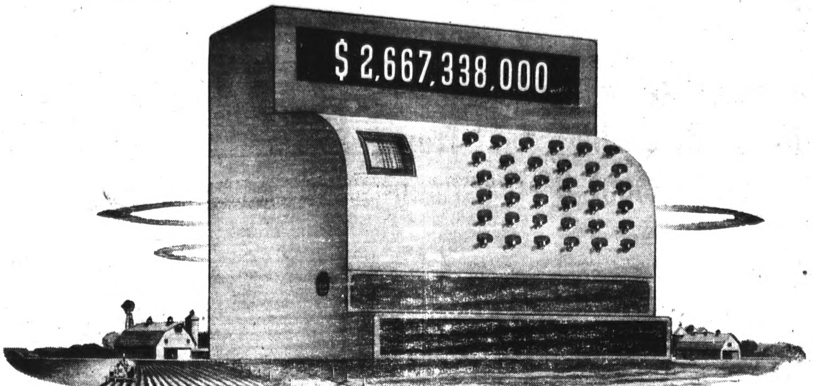

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LOCALS

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Please remember the next L.O. B.A. dance in Kiefer's hall on Mar. 14th.

We have had a sample of almost all kinds of weather in the last two weeks. It may be a sign of Spring coming soon.

Mrs. C.L. Currie is one of four delegates from the Wainwright Presbyterial attending the Alberta Conference Branch of the W.M.S. at Calgary this week.

Car and driver's licenses and A A ration are now being issued to car owners.

The W. A. of St. Mary's will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Targett on Tuesday March 20th at 2:30 p.m.

If you are thinking of handling a hive of bees this year do not delay in placing your order any longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fenton and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Enger and Joy, and Mrs. C. G. Carter, motored to Edmonton last Saturday and took in the skating carnival at the arena.

The W. A. of St. Mary's will hold a Tea and have a Novelty Table in Hedley's Hall on Friday, March 23rd. All are welcome.

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NEWS OF OUR BOYS

Cpl. Bill Meakins has gone overseas for a further course on airplane engines.

It was reported that Ray Martin was leaving for overseas duty last week.

Flt. Lieut. Art Larson arrived home from overseas recently for a thirty day furlough. He has been visiting relatives and friends at Irma and elsewhere. He will report for duty at Winnipeg at the end of this month.

Word was received on March 7 that Cpl. Arnold Kincely had been wounded again in action on the Western front and is now in hospital. This will be the third time for Arnold.

Born to LAC and Mrs. Philip F. Charter at Winnipeg, Man., a daughter, Judy Ann, on February 18th.

LAC Melvin Knudson was home on leave last week-end.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named Reuben William Patterson who died on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1944, are required to file with William M. Patterson of Irma, Alberta, Administrator of the said Estate, by the 21st day of March, A.D. 1945, a full statement, duly verified, of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed, or which have been brought to his knowledge.

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